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How would you feel if the person you had put your hope in was suddenly killed?

How would you feel if someone you loved came back from the dead, but didn't come to visit you?

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What does Jesus say about the Old Testament prophecies concerning him?

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Read Galatians 3:14

What is this verse saying to you?

Take it Home

Any time our eyes are on ourselves, we are bound to be disappointed by Jesus. But when our eyes are on the **eternal** work Jesus is doing for **all** people, our own disappointment fades away.

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